

Luke, Tim

From: Luke, Tim
Sent: Tuesday, October 19, 1999 5:39 PM
To: 'Rosenkrance, Doug (WD34)'
Subject: Irr. Season

Doug and Shauna,

I looked at some of the rights and the provisions of the decree with respect to irrigation season. All the ground water rights owned by Pehrson and Purser appeared to have irrigation season end dates of 10/31 or 11/1. This end date is the new standard established for ground water rights in Basin 34. Most or all of the rights may have been limited to 10/15 in earlier IDWR recommendations, but all the revised records that I looked at had the 10/31 or 11/1 date.

As for surface water, the season is limited to 5/1 to 10/15. However, all decreed rights have conditions as follows:
"the period of use for irrigation described above may be extended in seasons of unusual characteristics to a beginning data of 4/20 and ending date of 10/31 at the discretion of the watermaster of water district 34."

In light of our press release last week about drought in two-thirds of Idaho, It appears that this is an abnormal fall and it is okay to extend use of all the rights or diversions that you identified in your message to me. I cleared this also with Norm Young and Dave Tuthill. Norm was adamant however that there should be no water diverted for irrigation beyond 11/1 or the season limited by the water rights. This same reasoning applies to early season diversions.

See you Thursday.

Tim